Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/635,508	YODA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	A. Dexter Tugbang	3729	_
The MAILING DATE of this communication appeal All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT R	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this apport or other appropriate communication GHTS. This application is subject to and MPEP 1308.	olication. If not includ will be mailed in due	ed course. THIS
1. A This communication is responsive to RCE filed on June 15, 2006.			
2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>8 and 9</u> .			
 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a)			
Attachment(s) 1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. ☑ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date 5/15/06 4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	5. Notice of Informal Page No./Mail Data Paper No./Mail Data Pape	(PTO-413), e nent/Comment	·

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on June 15, 2006 has been entered.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The examiner's remarks as noted in the previous Office Action (Ex Parte Quayle, paragraphs 8 and 9, dated March 1, 2006) are fully incorporated by reference herein.

Further regarding the newly cited reference to Imamura, U. S. Patent 5,995,343 (listed on the IDS filed on June 15, 2006), Imamura does not teach forming a portion defining a hole extending from a rear plane to a principle plane of the magnetic body, subsequently separating the magnetic body and the magnetic gap from the substrate, and forming a medium facing surface substantially coplanar with the principle plane.

Accordingly, Claims 8 and 9 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to A. Dexter Tugbang whose telephone number is 571-272-4570. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Vo can be reached on 571-272-4690. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner

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